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Patrick J. Fuster is an associate in Gibson Dunn's Los Angeles office. He is a member of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law, and Class Actions practice groups. He has worked on many cert- and merits-stage cases at the Supreme Court, as well as dozens of appeals in the federal courts of appeals, California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal. Patrick has been recognized by *Best Lawyers*® as "One to Watch" for Appellate Practice.

Highlights include:

- Persuaded the Supreme Court to grant review and then to hold that the enforcement of laws regulating camping on public property is not "cruel and unusual punishment" under the Eighth Amendment. *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, 603 U.S. 520 (2024).
- Convinced the Supreme Court to grant review of a critical question concerning the available remedies for trademark infringement and to rule unanimously that the lower courts had improperly disregarded the fundamental principle of corporate separateness in ordering a defendant to disgorge its nonparty affiliates' profits under the Lanham Act. *Dewberry Group, Inc. v. Dewberry Engineers Inc.*, 604 U.S. 321 (2025).
- Secured grant of certiorari and vacatur of a judgment reinstating a conviction when the government moved to dismiss the indictment without defending the novel application of honest-services fraud abroad. *Full Play Group, S.A. v. United States*, 146 S. Ct. 1471 (2026).
- Persuaded the Supreme Court to adopt position on key question regarding the timing of judicial review following certain expedited removal orders. *Riley v. Bondi*, 606 U.S. 259 (2025).
- Secured wins for clients in appeals on a wide range of issues, including federal civil procedure, *Waetzig v. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.*, 145 F.4th 1279 (10th Cir. 2025), online contract formation for arbitration agreements, *Keebaugh v. Warners Bros. Entertainment Inc.*, 100 F.4th 1005 (9th Cir. 2024), and Medicare Part C preemption, *Quishenberry v. UnitedHealthcare, Inc.*, 14 Cal. 5th 1057 (2023).
- Persuaded the Los Angeles Superior Court to order an 87% reduction of a nine-figure verdict for wrongful termination, cutting punitive damages by over $130 million.

Patrick also maintains an active pro bono practice. Highlights include:

- Twice argued in the Ninth Circuit on behalf of a civil-rights plaintiffs whose constitutional claim was wrongly short-circuited, securing vacatur of dismissal both times. *Love v. Villacana*, 73 F.4th 751 (9th Cir. 2023); *Love v. Villacana*, 2025 WL

Capabilities

Appellate and Constitutional Law

Class Actions

First Amendment and Free Expression Litigation

Credentials

Education

University of Chicago - 2018 Juris Doctor

University of California - Berkeley - 2014 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

California Bar

Clerkships

US Supreme Court, Hon. John G. Roberts, Jr., 2020 - 2021

USDC, Northern District of California, Hon. Vince G. Chhabria, 2019 - 2020

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, Hon. Paul J. Watford, 2018 - 2019

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1392134 (9th Cir. May 14, 2025).

- Broadened access to court for civil-rights plaintiffs to seek prospective relief against unconstitutional criminal laws by prevailing in *Olivier v. City of Brandon*, 607 U.S. 552 (2026).
- Represented a variety of amici in briefing before the Supreme Court in cases involving constitutional criminal procedure, *Parada v. United States*, No. 25-166 (U.S.); *Lesh v. United States*, No. 24-654 (U.S.); *Anibowei v. Mayorkas*, No. 23-199 (U.S.), justiciability, *FBI v. Fikre*, 601 U.S. 234 (2024), and the First Amendment, *TikTok Inc. v. Garland*, 605 U.S. 56 (2025).
- Represented firearms historian as amicus in the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit on the constitutionality of state laws forbidding gun possession in "sensitive places." *Wolford v. Lopez*, No. 24-1046 (U.S.); 116 F.4th 959 (9th Cir. 2024).

Before joining the firm, Patrick served as a law clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. of the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Vince Girdhari Chhabria of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and Judge Paul J. Watford of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

He graduated with Highest Honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 2018, where he was selected as a Kirkland & Ellis Scholar and as a member of the Order of the Coif. Patrick also served as managing editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review* and as a student member of the Jenner & Block Supreme Court and Appellate Clinic. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2014, where he received a degree in economics with high distinction.

Patrick is admitted to practice law in the State of California as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California.

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